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FOR THE YEAR 1958

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES and GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1958.
The report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health
Circular No. 22/58 dated 9th December, 1958.

During the year 206 Births were registered, compared with 220 in 1957.
The number of Births per thousand of the population was 13.6 and this rate
when corrected for comparison with other districts, and England and Wales
as a whole, was 14.1. The corresponding corrected rate was 15.2 in 1957.
The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 16.4.

The total number of Deaths registered was 211, being a slight increase
in the number registered in 1957. The Death Rate per thousand of the
population was 13.9. This rate, corrected for comparison with other
districts, and England and Wales as a whole, was 10.8, as compared with
10.0 in 1957. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.7.

Four deaths occurred in children under one year of age, the same
number being registered in 1957. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 19.4
as compared with 18.2 in the previous year. The Infant Mortality Rate
for England and Wales was 22.5.

Deaths from the various groups of Cancer numbered 40 during the year
and this total included six deaths from Lung Cancer. The following table
shows deaths from Lung Cancer during the last seven years:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1952	4	-	4
1953	5	-	5
1954	4	2	6
1955	5	-	5
1956	7	-	7
1957	6	-	6
1958	4	2	6

The Cancer Death Rate was 2.64 compared with 2.05 in 1957.



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Tuberculosis.

Seven new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. The following table shows comparative figures for the last 12 years:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>
1946	12	1952	10
1947	16	1953	4
1948	4	1954	11
1949	6	1955	6
1950	9	1956	2
1951	8	1957	4

One death resulted from pulmonary tuberculosis. The Tuberculosis Death Rate was .07 as compared with .13 in 1957.

During the year the Mid-Kent Mass Radiography Unit visited the Cranbrook Rural District and a summary of the results of the visit can be seen in the table on page 16. I am indebted to the Medical Director of the Unit, Dr. G. I. Rees-Jones, for the information contained therein. It will be noted that 2,259 people (approximately 15% of the population) attended the unit and of this number only one case of active pulmonary tuberculosis was discovered. Cases of inactive tuberculosis (where the tubercular disease contracted earlier in life has completely healed) discovered by the unit numbered 12.

It must be remembered that tuberculosis is an infectious disease and there are in the population a comparatively small number of undetected cases of pulmonary tuberculosis which are unknowingly spreading infection amongst their immediate contacts. The best safeguard against the perpetuation of this problem is the early detection of infection and in this connection the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit, if adequately supported, could play a very important part.

Infectious Disease.

Notifications of infectious disease received during the year numbered 106 as compared with 185 in 1957 and 424 in 1956. Measles and Whooping Cough as in recent years comprised the majority of these notifications. Five notifications of primary Pneumonia were received and one death resulted. The total cases notified of Scarlet Fever were 12.

Food Poisoning.

Eleven cases of Food Poisoning were notified and these cases arose from one single incident. Although specimens of the various articles of food which made up the meal were obtained, the causal organism was not identified.

Poliomyelitis.

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified in the district during the year.

Arrangements for prophylactic vaccinations against this disease were continued throughout the year by the County Health Department and in the Autumn the priority groups were further extended to include all persons born after 1st January, 1933. In addition, all persons who had previously been vaccinated were offered a third injection of the vaccine. This is given seven months after the second injection.

It is hoped that everyone in the priority classes will avail themselves of the vaccination offered against this crippling disease.

The table on page 17 shows the number of children and other persons who received a course of injections in the Rural District during the year.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Inoculations given in the district during the year were 171 primary and 64 re-inforcing, compared with 153 primary and 104 re-inforcing in 1957.

Smallpox Vaccination.

The number of persons receiving primary vaccination against smallpox were 161 and 23 re-vaccinations. Corresponding figures for 1957 were 164 and 24 respectively.

Whooping Cough.

During the year 177 children received primary inoculations.

Detailed tables relating to the above inoculations and vaccinations appear on pages 17 and 18 of this report. These details have been supplied by the County Medical Officer to whom I would like to express my gratitude.

I am pleased to report that the health of the Rural District for the year under review has been very satisfactory.

I am indebted to Mr. G. Longley, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector who supplied the information on pages 20 to 32 of this report.

Finally I offer my thanks to the Council, particularly the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to the Chief Officers for their valuable support and also to the staff of the Health Department for their loyal assistance during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA:	41,315 acres.
POPULATION:	15,130 (R.G's. estimate, 1958) - 13,788 (R.G's. Census figure 1951)
DENSITY OF POPULATION:	i.e. number of persons per acre: 0.37
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES:	4,740
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE:	3.2
RATEABLE VALUE: 1958:	£146,576
SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE, 1957/58:	£569.

BIRTHS.

Live Births (Registered)	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	192	87	105
Illegitimate	<u>14</u>	10	4
	<u>206</u>		

Corrected Birth Rate:	14.1
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population:	13.6
Corresponding Rate for 1957:	14.6
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales:	16.4

Stillbirths:	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	1	-
	<u>2</u>		

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births:	9.7
Corresponding Rate for 1957:	13.6
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population:	0.13
Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales:	21.6

DEATHS.

MALES: 81 FEMALE: 130 TOTAL: 211

Standardised Death Rate: 10.8

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population: 13.9

Corresponding Rate for 1957: 12.6

Death Rate for England and Wales: 11.7

Number of women dying in, or in consequence
of childbirth Nil

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total
registered births.. .. Nil

Total number of deaths from: 1957 1958

Cancer (all ages) 31 40

Measles (all ages) - -

Whooping Cough (all ages) - -

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

					<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	4	4	-
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
					<u>4</u>		

Deaths of infants under one year of age per
1,000 live births: 19.4 (1957 : 18.2)

Infant Mortality for England and Wales: 22.5

Table No. 1.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	2	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	13	11	24
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	2	2	4
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	17	23
18.	Coronary disease, angina	12	19	31
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	6	7	13
20.	Other heart disease	8	30	38
21.	Other circulatory disease	2	10	12
22.	Influenza	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	5	4	9
24.	Bronchitis	6	2	8
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	7	12
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3
34.	All other accidents	3	6	9
35.	Suicide	1	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total all Causes	81	130	211

Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN
THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	TOTAL
BENENDEN	2	-	2	-	-	-	4
CRANBROOK (including Sissinghurst)	4	-	-	7	-	-	11
FRITTENDEN	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
GOUDHURST (including Kilndown)	12	2	2	-	-	-	16
HAWKHURST	41	2	8	11	-	11	73
SANDHURST	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL :	59	5	12	18	1	11	106

Table No. 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL.
Measles	-	39	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	2	7	5	59
Pneumonia	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
Scarlet Fever ..	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	12
Whooping Cough ..	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	9	1	1	-	-	18
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	11
Total : ..	1	42	5	1	4	3	5	11	6	14	7	7	106

Table No. 4.

AGES, ETC., OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr.	1 Yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths (Inhabi- tants only).
Acute Anterior Polio- myelitis:												
Paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis:												
Infective ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-infectious ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever												
(including Meningo- coccal Meningitis) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Food Poisoning ..	11	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	4	-	-
Malaria ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ..	59	-	2	3	2	3	26	23	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ..	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ..	12	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	-	2	3	-
Typhoid ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ..	18	1	1	3	2	3	8	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS : ..	106	2	3	6	4	6	46	25	2	12	3	1

Table No. 5.

TUBERCULOSIS.TABLE SHOWING NEW CASES, RECOVERIES AND DEATHSIN VARIOUS AGE GROUPS.

	New Cases				Recoveries				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS :	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
<u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis:</u>												
Number of cases on register ..	123	82	205	124	81	205	124	82	206	128	84	212
New notifications ..	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	2	5	-	-	-
Cases removed and subsequently restored ..	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died) ..	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Cases remaining on register ..	124	81	205	124	82	206	128	84	212	128	85	213
<u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:</u>												
Number of cases on register ..	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68
New notifications ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed and subsequently restored ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed, (removed, recovered, died) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases remaining on register ..	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68	32	36	68

Table No. 7.

TUBERCULOSIS.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	TOTAL
	Male		Female		
Cases on Register at beginning of year	123	32	82	36	273
Cases added ..	6	-	5	-	11
Cases removed..	1	-	2	-	3
Remaining ..	128	32	85	36	281

INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

During the year I countersigned 101 International Vaccination Certificates, authenticating the signatures of doctors in the Rural District, for persons travelling abroad.

TABLE SUPPLIED BY THE SOUTH EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL
BOARD MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE SHOWING ATTENDANCE FIGURES FROM THE
VARIOUS PARISHES DURING THE VISIT OF THE UNIT IN 1958.

Table No. 8.

CENTRE	DATE	MINIATURE FILMS TAKEN			attending for		ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS			INACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS	
		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	Number	%	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
							The figures in brackets indicate those with Positive Sputum at first examination.				
CRANBROOK	22nd/28th July	565	479	1,144	983	85.8%	-	-	-	2	-
GOUDHURST	31st July	112	136	248	197	79.4%	-	1 (1)	1 (1)	2	3
BENEDDEN	21st July	89	111	200	165	82.5%	-	-	-	-	-
HAWKHURST	29th July	211	248	459	363	79.1%	-	-	-	3	2
SANDHURST	28th July	91	117	208	184	88.4%	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :		1,168	1,091	2,259	1,892	83.8%	-	1 (1)	1 ^x (1)	7	5
											12

^x Although this case attended the unit at Goudhurst she does not reside in the Cranbrook Rural District.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1958, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1944).

Table No. 9.

Year of Birth	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1954 - 1958	35	50	53	47	53	95	91	108	92	156	158	158	139	116	31	1382
1953 or earlier	138	98	112	173	142	120	99	112	98	13	-	-	-	-	-	1105

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION.

The following table gives number of persons resident in the district who received injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1958.

Table No. 10.

Year of Birth	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	Others	TOTAL
Given two injections	4	119	135	135	105	103	101	112	70	89	80	108	196	180	207	258	2002
Given third injection	-	2	5	7	1	1	1	4	1	2	4	2	4	2	7	14	57

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

The following table shows figures for 1958 for diphtheria and whooping-cough immunisations and smallpox vaccinations based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

Table No. 11.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccinations		Whooping-Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1958	31	-	85	-	46
1957	102	4	64	-	89
1956	22	-	3	-	31
1955	1	-	3	-	2
1954	4	3	-	-	2
1953	6	37	1	-	2
1952	1	12	-	-	1
1951	4	2	-	-	4
1950	-	2	-	-	-
1949	-	-	1	-	-
1948	-	2	-	-	-
1947	-	-	-	-	-
1946	-	2	1	1	-
1945	-	-	-	1	-
1944	-	-	-	2	-
Before 1944	-	-	3	19	-
TOTAL	171	64	161	23	177

Table No. 12.

NURSING HOMES.

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes first registered during the year ..	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the end of the year	2	-	24	24

Periodical visits of inspection of the registered Nursing Homes in the district were made by the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Kent County Council Ambulance Service is operated by the British Red Cross Society from the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook. Voluntary hours worked by members of the Society totalled 3,986 for ambulance service during the year.

First Aid instruction is also given to members of the Civil Defence at Cranbrook.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report on the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1958.

Water Supplies.

Regular routine samples of water are taken from the mains of the Mid Kent Water Company in various parts of the district, and all such samples were satisfactory.

The proportion of houses supplied by public watermains or other adequate piped supplies is approximately 96.4%.

Sewerage.

During the year work proceeded on the provision of a sewage works and the laying of new sewers in the village of Benenden, and at the end of the year this scheme was nearing completion.

Housing.

The tables set out later in the Report give figures of the work carried out.

During the year the Council completed the erection of 19 dwellings, 12 at Sissinghurst and 7 at Hawkhurst.

In addition 17 new dwellings were completed in the district by private builders.

Applications for Improvement Grants were agreed in respect of 22 houses.

During the year two Clearance Orders were made in respect of areas containing a total of 18 houses. These Orders had not been confirmed at the end of the year. One Order in respect of 8 houses made during 1957 was confirmed during the year.

Individual houses represented to the Council as being unfit and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost numbered 13, and of these in 10 cases undertakings were accepted from owners as to their future use, and in three cases demolition orders were made.

Meat and Food.

Six slaughterhouses are licensed in the area and regular weekly slaughtering is carried out at four of the establishments. Slaughtering is confined almost

exclusively to the business of the occupiers and generally the quality of animals killed is excellent. All animals notified as being slaughtered have been inspected.

Milk.

Much of the milk supplied to the area is delivered to the retailers in bottles as pasteurised or tuberculin tested milk. As from the 1st October, 1956, the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1956, came in force, which provided that within the specified area, which included the Cranbrook Rural District, all milk retailed must be tuberculin tested, pasteurised or sterilised.

Ice Cream.

The premises registered for the sale of ice cream all obtain their supplies from outside the district, and the bulk of the ice cream is now pre-wrapped. The Council was concerned regarding unsatisfactory reports on samples from one source. The matter was referred to the authority in whose area the factory was situated and at the end of the year the matter was still under investigation.

Hop-Pickers' Camps.

Throughout the hop-picking season as many inspections as possible were made, and all camps were inspected prior to occupation.

Generally camps were well maintained during occupation and conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

The health of the pickers was again very good. No cases of infectious disease being notified and no complaints were received.

The approximate numbers of camps and huts were as follows:-

			<u>Camps.</u>	<u>Huts.</u>
Benenden	..	..	11	164
Cranbrook	..	..	15	486
Prittenden	..	..	11	230
Goudhurst	..	..	37	1,881
Hawkhurst	..	..	17	540
Sandhurst	..	..	<u>11</u>	<u>246</u>
			<u>102</u>	<u>3,547</u>

Of these huts approximately 1,400 were unoccupied. There are now 31 hop-picking machines in the district, and accordingly the number of pickers needed is much less than required in pre-war years when all picking was done by hand.

Clean Food.

Routine inspections have been carried out of premises where food is prepared, and conditions are generally satisfactory. Good co-operation is being received from proprietors in general in providing the necessary additional appliances and complying with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support given at all times by Members of the Council and yourself.

G. LONGLEY,

Surveyor and Chief Public
Health Inspector.

Table No. 13.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR, 1958:-

							<u>Number.</u>
Visits to Bakchouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
" " Butchers' Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
" " Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
" " Ice Cream premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
" " Licensed premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
" " Restaurants and Kitchens	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
" " Slaughterhouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	287
" " Theatres, Cinemas, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
" " Other food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Visits to Baths	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
" " Moveable dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	..	56
" " Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	147
" " Stables..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
" " Streams..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
" " Verminous premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
" " Workplaces	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Visits re Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
" " Insects and various pests	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
" " keeping of animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " offensive trades	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
" " overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
" " Rat/mice infestation..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64
" " Shops Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
" " Smoke Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
" " Water Supply	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
" " Hop-pickers' Camps	..	..	..	..	..	..	204
Houses disinfected	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
" disinfested	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Smoke tests to drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
Water tests to drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	78
Informal notices served on houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	96
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	..	..	..	..	..	..	123
Formal notices served re houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " complied with by owner	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" " " " " occupier	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
" " " " " Local Authority in default	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

Table No. 14.

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.A. Houses Demolished.

In Clearance Areas	Houses Demolished	Displaced during Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	7	37	12
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.. ..	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec.43(2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas.			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec.17(1) Housing Act, 1957	11	27	12
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action taken under local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders.	-	-	-

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	No.	Displaced during Year	
		Persons	Families
(8) Under Sec.16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	4	7	2
(9) Under Secs.17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Sec.18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	123	-
(12) After formal action under		
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-
(b) Secs. 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	6	-
(13) Under Sec.24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	-	-

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

Position at end of year	No. of Houses.	Number of separate dwellings
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Sec.48	-	-
(b) Under Sec.17(2).	-	-
(c) Under Sec.46	-	-
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Secs. 34 or 53	-	-

E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	No. of Houses.	No. of Occupiers
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas, other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year	-	-

Table No. 15.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises.

The total number of food premises in the area, set out by types of premises is given below:-

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	9
Ice Cream (manufacturers)	..	..	..	..	Nil
Ice Cream (storage/sale)	..	..	..	..	54
Dairies	..	..	..	..	5
Butchers	..	..	..	..	12
Sausage Manufacturers	..	..	..	..	13
Restaurants and Cafes	..	..	..	..	26
Grocers	..	..	..	..	33
Confectioners	..	..	..	..	22
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	8
Fish Shops	3
					<u>185</u>

Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses)	..	<u>215</u>
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Educational Activity on Food Hygiene.

No lectures on food hygiene have been held for food handlers. Inspections are carried out and advice given by the Public Health Inspectors and the general standard of cleanliness is reasonable.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Act is as follows:-

Premises used for sausage making	..	13
" " " manufacture of		
ice cream	..	Nil
" " " sale and storage of		
ice cream	..	54
Number of inspections of these premises		68

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued).

Milk Supply.

Licences in force at the end of the year:-

<u>Pasteurisers' Licences</u>	..	..	..	..	..	..	-
<u>Dealers' Licences:</u>	Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	..	7
	Sterilised	..	..	..	..	..	7
	Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	..	..	5
	T.T. (pasteurised)	..	..	..	..	..	-
<u>Supplementary Licences:</u>	Pasteurised Milk	..	..	..	..	..	2
	Sterilised	..	..	..	..	..	-
	Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	..	..	2

Number of Distributors of milk in the district:-

(a)	with premises inside the district	..	..	..	12
(b)	with premises outside the district	..	..	..	2
	Number of Dairies in the district (excluding farms).	..	..	..	5
	Number of Shops selling bottled milk	..	..	..	6

Two samples of tuberculin tested milk were subjected to the prescribed tests and were satisfactory.

Six samples of pasteurised milk were all reported to be satisfactory.

One sample of milk was submitted for biological test and the result was negative.

Following a complaint regarding foreign matter in a bottle of milk delivered to a consumer in Hawkhurst, a summons was issued against the dairy concerned and at the Petty Sessional Court held in January the defendants were fined £5, and costs amounting to £3. 7. Od. were awarded.

Meat and Other Foods.

Unsound food surrendered by retail and wholesale stores:-

				C.	Q.	LBS.
	Tinned goods	..	..	3.	2	
	Meat	..	..	8.	1.	16
				<u>9.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>18</u>

Disposal of Condemned Foods.

Normally only small quantities of food are condemned at one time and these are treated appropriately and disposed of under supervision at refuse tips. Arrangements are made for larger quantities of condemned meat to be disposed of to glue manufacturers.

Samples of food and drugs examined by the Public Analyst.. Nil.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued).

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

TABLE OF CARCASSES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT.

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	254	-	52	371	475	-
Number inspected	254	-	52	371	475	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis and Cysticerci:-						
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	1	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	13	-	-	3	13	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	5.1%	-	1.9%	.8%	2.9%	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcasses found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	2	-	-	-	13	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis .. ..	.8%	-	-	-	2.7%	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was found unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally unfit	-	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (continued).

Ice Cream.

Registration of Premises:

Total number of registered premises:-

For manufacture	..	..	..	..	Nil
For storage and sale	..	..	..	..	54

Number of premises registered during the year:-

For manufacture	..	..	..	..	Nil
For storage and sale	..	..	..	..	3

Results of Samples:

Number of samples	..	..	..	..	12
Grade I	..	..	..	..	6
Grade II	..	..	..	..	-
Grade III	..	..	..	..	2
Grade IV	..	..	..	..	4

Water Supplies.

Bacteriological Samples:

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Samples of main water	13	-
Samples of waters other than mains	8	1

Chemical Samples:

Samples of main water	1	-
Samples of waters other than mains	1	-

Table No. 16.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator:-

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Number of complaints received	21	10
" " premises infested	139	10
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	31	-
" " premises disinfested:		
(a) Dwellings and schools	120	7
(b) Council properties (sewage works, refuse tips, etc.) ..	17	3
(c) Food premises	1	-
(d) Other premises	1	-
Total number of visits	321	34

Table No. 17.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

Details of the work of eradicating insect pests, carried out during the year by the Rodent Operator, under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors, are as follows:-

<u>Fleas.</u>	<u>Number</u>
Premises disinfested	2
Visits	4
<u>Bugs.</u>	
Premises disinfested	-
Visits	-

Table No. 18.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	16	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ..	70	59	7	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises).	35	72	1	-
TOTAL: ..	125	147	8	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	11	11	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL: ..	18	17	-	6	-

OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list reqd. by Sect. 110(1)(e)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel, cleaning and washing	4	-	-	-	-	-

